

March 16, 1953

Dear Norton:

Your letter just received. I am relieved to hear that you may come out for a visit, as this is obviously necessary to clear up numerous issues. I've been so busy the last few weeks I could not pay proper attention to things that have had to be done--e.g. your ms. and Bruce's. If you possibly can manage the visit, it would be very useful.

Just tentative thoughts, not conclusions, we might talk about: the ms. you sent me may be quite unnecessary. If you go much further along the lines of your present work, why not publish it (under your sole authorship) and forget about the Z&L you sent me, most of which will be either already anticipated in J Bact '52, or superseded.

As to address on the motility paper, it would be highly inappropriate to either charge or credit Rockefeller for work not done there at all. I think we will be able to provide a reasonable number of reprints from the grant. ~~However~~ I still want to discuss the questions of authorship of this paper with Bruce, but the outcome of this need not affect ~~your interest~~ the possibility of furnishing reprints to you. This again is something we could better settle personally. I don't know whether Bruce can afford to wait for our meeting-- just when would it be?

Some of the questions you raised about distribution of FA are being studied with lambda: Larry and Esther have picked up a super-efficient system that gives extremely high incidence of transduction (better than  $10^{-3}$  per lambda particle) of Gal<sup>+</sup> (and, for that matter of Gal<sup>-</sup> to Gal<sup>+</sup>).

But I mainly wanted to reinforce the likelihood of your visit, if any of my remarks can do so.

Hastily,

  
Joshua Lederberg